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REPORT

TOPIC - Finsterwalde Post

EVALUATION

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

## 1. The following detailed information was received about Finsterwalde post:

Object 1. On 12 July 1952, sedan [ ] moved to the headquarters building on Forststrasse, object 1, and returned to the field after about 5 minutes. On 20 July, motor vehicles were observed parked in the western section of the object. [ ]

Object 2. The Viktoria Hotel, object 2, was vacated by the Soviet Komendatura. It remained vacant and was used only once or twice per week, usually on Saturdays and Sundays, for Soviet entertainments. On these days, German servants were employed there. When leaving the installation for the town one had to pass through the railroad subway south of the building. After a performance on 20 July, about 120 soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and aviation insignia and 20 female aviators left the hotel. The women and about 50 men marched toward objects 3 and 4; 20 men were trucked toward the airfield, and two groups of 10 and 40 men each marched to objects 3 and 1 respectively. (2)

Object 4. The former high school building, object 4, housed the Soviet hospital. The chief physician was billeted in the little house of object 4 which was formerly occupied by the headmaster of the high school.

Object 5. Three houses on Klara-Zetkin Strasse, object 5, were occupied by the physicians of the hospital. On 12 July, three buildings of this object were vacated by Russians and occupied by German civilians who had to leave the house at the corner of Wilhelm-Friedrich Strasse adjacent to object 4. The motor vehicle repair shop in object 5 had only 3 or 4 undestroyed garages. No activity was observed there. On 21 July, van-like truck [ ] went to this repair shop. (5)

Object 6. The main warehouse was housed in object 6, the former Freemason lodge. Sedan [ ] and trucks [ ] belonged to the warehouse. [ ]

[ ] the warehouse was operated by two German chiefs under Soviet supervision.

Object 7. German personnel under German or Polish supervision were employed in this object, which was the former Throck Villa. (4)

Object 8. This object comprised the billets and parking lot of the motor transport unit, an occupied villa west of Kurzer Damm and two villas east of Kurzer Damm which appeared to be vacant. The 12 garages were torn down. (5)

Object 9. The officers billets on Schacksdorfer Strasse, object 9, have been occupied by the Komendatura since early July 1952. A sentry wearing black-bordered black epaulets was posted in front of the building. On 16 July, a woman stated that, about 3 weeks before, object 9 was vacated by the officers and their dependents. The officers allegedly moved to the field while their families had been shipped away with the exception of two families who were also packing their belongings. (6)

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2. A strip of woods had been cleared about 300 meters northeast of Heidemuehle along the Finsterwalde-Siechholz highway, about 2 km southwest of Finsterwalde. On 20 July, [ ] a Soviet unit moved into this area. On 21 July, individual tents were observed there, and some soldiers were constructing a barbed wire fence. Truck [ ] driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets, was observed there. Masts were being erected from the airfield toward this area.

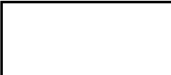
3. [ ]

(1) [ ]

- (2) It is plausible that object 2 is now used for Soviet entertainments. On 20 July, there was a performance to which members of the headquarters unit, the air unit, the motor transport unit and ill Soviet personnel were invited.
- (3) The evacuation of object 5 and the occupation of the house at the corner of Wilhelm-Friedrich Strasse cannot be explained.
- (4) Workshops are housed in object 7. It is plausible that German personnel are employed there; the Polish personnel are reported for the first time.
- (5) The 10 garages were probably razed because the motor transport unit was transferred. This assumption has not been confirmed.
- (6) Object 9 had to be evacuated by the officers and their dependents because of the transfer of the komendatura. For new location of komendatura, see Annex.

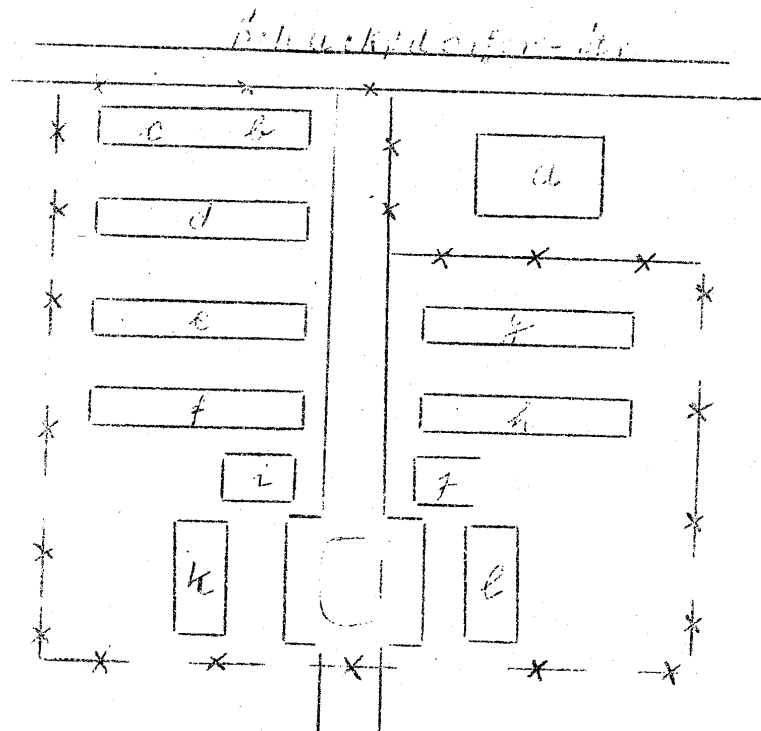
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Detail Sketch of Winterwalse Post



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Legend:

a. Quarters for German firemen

b. Korondatura

c. Through 1 vacant two-story quarters, each with two entrances

k. Quarters still occupied by two families

i and j. Garages each for two sedans

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